

NOMAD INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS

Prior to Installation

These instructions are provided as a general guideline for the installation of Island Stone Nomad Collection. An experienced, professional tile installer, who has read and understands these instructions, should perform the work. All tile and natural stone products vary slightly in color, shade, finish, and size. Upon delivery, inspect your entire order to verify order accuracy and confirm the tile product meets your expectations.

INSTALLATION CONSTITUTES ACCEPTANCE.

NO ADJUSTMENTS WILL BE MADE AFTER INSTALLATION.

Nomad is a ceramic tile with an aesthetic class of V2 or V3, which means there may be moderate variation from piece to piece within your order. Therefore, dry laying and blending the entire order either prior to or during installation is extremely important in achieving a visually balanced tile installation.

The owner or owner's representative is responsible for determining the acceptability of the tile prior to installation as well as approving the first five square feet of installed tile before proceeding with the remainder of the installation.

Substrate Preparation & Installation

Nomad should be installed in accordance with the specifications in the current versions of the Tile Council of North America's "TCNA Handbook for Ceramic, Glass, and Stone Tile Installation" and the "ANSI A108 American National Standards for the Installation of Ceramic Tile." The TCNA Handbook and ANSI A108 standard are available for purchase at www.tcnatile.com.

Setting Material

Nomad should be installed with a setting material that is specified for use with a ceramic body (non-vitreous) tile as well as the intended installation location.

Grout

Nomad should be installed with a grout joint between 1/16" and 1/8" and grouted with a non-sanded, cement-based grout or alternate grout material recommended for use with a glazed, ceramic body tile.

Note: Tile is generally grouted with a color that is similar to that of the tile. If a contrasting grout color is selected it is beneficial to install and grout a sample board to confirm the result meets your expectations.

Crack Isolation/Waterproofing Membrane

Unless specified by the applicable TCNA method, a membrane is not required when installing Nomad. However, the use of a membrane may increase the performance and longevity of the tile installation and should be considered when planning the tile assembly.

Movement Joints

Movement joints are essential for the success of most tile installations and placement requirements will vary. Follow the recommendations for *Movement Joints E/171* in the current version of the "TCNA Handbook for Ceramic, Glass and Stone Tile Installation."

Cutting

Nomad can be cut with a wet tile saw equipped with a diamond tile blade designed for cutting ceramic tile or a score-and-snap style cutting tool.

WARNING: DO NOT DRY CUT TILE WITH A POWER TOOL.

Sealing & Maintenance

Nomad does not need to be sealed. However, if a cement-based grout is used, sealing the grout may be beneficial. Be sure to remove excess sealer from the surface of the tile, per the sealer manufacturer's directions, to prevent sealer haze.

Nomad should be regularly cleaned with a pH neutral tile and stone cleaner. For heavier grease, oil, soap scum, etc. an alkaline based cleaner may be used. Acidic or abrasive cleaners should not be used to clean Nomad.

Questions?

Call Island Stone Installation Support at **800-371-0001**.